

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: RE-EVALUATION OF USG PARTICIPATION IN THE FIFTH UNCTAD  
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP (IPG) ON INTER-  
NATIONAL MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORT

REF: STATE 24300

1. EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SHIPPING  
OFFICIALS TO GET THEIR INFORMAL REACTION TO POSSIBLE USG  
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE IPG AND A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF WHAT THE  
GOJ HOPES TO ACHIEVE THROUGH ITS PARTICIPATION.

2. IN REGARD TO POSSIBLE USG WITHDRAWAL, MOT OFFICIALS EX-  
PRESSED CLEAR HOPE THAT US WOULD CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE AS  
THEY BELIEVE THE IPG HAS A FAR GREATER CHANCE OF PRODUCING  
A CONVENTION FOCUSED ON PRIVATE LAW IF U.S. INPUT CONTINUES.  
IN ANY CASE, GOJ WOULD NOT RPT NOT JOIN USG IN ANY WITHDRAWAL  
BECAUSE GOJ BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT POLITICALLY FOR  
JAPAN TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE.

3. MOT OFFICIAL DESCRIBED JAPAN'S OBJECTIVES AS "IDENTICAL"  
TO THOSE OF OTHER OECD PARTICIPANTS; I.E., A CONVENTION  
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BUILT UPON AND ESTABLISHING PRIVATE LAW PRINCIPLES IN  
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT. OFFICIAL RECOGNIZED THAT THIS  
EMPHASIS MIGHT HAVE TO BE MODIFIED SOMEWHAT TO ACCOM-  
MODATE THE WISHES OF LDC'S BUT FELT THAT THROUGH  
PARTICIPATING JAPAN COULD LIMIT SUCH MODIFICATIONS  
AND MAKE THEM AS HARMLESS AS POSSIBLE. IN ANY EVENT,  
GOJ WOULD DO ITS BEST.

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